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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	THORSBAKKEN et al.	Examiner:	Cleary, T.
Serial No.:	10/028,161	Group Art Unit:	2111
Filing Date:	12/21/2001	Docket No.:	RA 5369 (USYS.088PA)
Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING INPUT/OUTPUT REQUESTS USING A FAIRNESS THROTTLE		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 17, 2004.

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit this reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 17, 2004, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response. A Petition to Extend the period for responding to the Office Action by 3 months, from September 17, 2004 to December 17, 2004 is submitted herewith.

Claims 1-14, 17-34 and 36 are pending in the application. Claims 14, 17, 23, 24, 27, 28, 33 and 36 have been amended, Claims 15, 16 and 35 have been canceled, and no claims have been added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 12 of this paper.